

TOWN OF MANSFIELD ■ FOUR CORNERS WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes ■ June 4, 2013
Town Council Chambers

Members Present: Rawn (chair), Paulhus, Reich, Hart, Ferrigno

Staff Present: Painter

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair Rawn. Because of a lack of quorum, no actions were taken.

Approval of Minutes

April 17, 2013 – Approval of minutes was tabled due to lack of quorum. Reich requested that topics under New Business be given emphasis to make the minutes easier to read and noted that the adjournment time was incorrect.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

UConn Water Supply EIE

Hart provided an update with regard to ongoing activities related to the EIE, including a request for additional information related to costs, land use and governance that was sent to all three interconnection suppliers. UConn expects to submit the Record of Decision to the Board of Trustee for their consideration at the August 7th Trustee meeting. Hart also provided an overview with regard to ongoing conversations with Windham Water Works and distributed copies of correspondence indicating that they would be open to discussing a bulk water sale. Painter will email copies of the request for information to the Committee. Reich noted that a limiting factor for increasing the flow from Mansfield Hollow Reservoir would be the impact on the recreational pass-through for canoes, kayaks, etc. underneath Bassetts Bridge Road. Ferrigno noted that the Town owns the property adjacent to Windham Water Works; depending on the funds used to acquire the property, it could be a potential solution if additional land is needed to expand the facility.

Technology Park

Painter noted that DEEP has received a request for an administrative hearing on the proposed wetland and stormwater diversion permits. A status conference was held the prior week; no hearing date has yet been published.

Sewer Pump Station and Collection System Design

No significant updates; design work is ongoing.

Mansfield Tomorrow

Painter advised the Committee of the upcoming Community Open House on June 18th, 4 pm to 9 pm at the Buchanan Center. Draft housing, agriculture and economic development strategies will be available for review at the open house, as well as preliminary concepts for how different planned development areas such as Four Corners could be developed. She also noted that preliminary population and housing unit projections have been prepared.

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Planning

No discussion.

Water Supply Governance and Legal Counsel

Hart noted that the Town's legal counsel for water is working on a draft report of governance options for early July; this report will be informed by the responses to supplemental supplier questions referenced above under the Water Supply EIE. Reich noted that when discussing options, it is important that the report distinguish between regional (3 or more municipalities); inter-municipal (2 municipalities) or municipal (1 town). They have also been asked to determine what approvals, if any, the MDC would need if they were the selected supplier. It appears that they would need approval to serve the town, but not to serve the university. It is unclear whether they would need town approval to serve existing off-campus customers. Lastly, the town is also working on a sewer agreement with the University for areas that are served by UConn but use facilities such as pump station or pipes that are owned by the Town.

Other

- Reich requested that the Town work with UConn to schedule tours of the new reclaimed water facility for committee members.

Future Meetings

Based on the timeframes discussed for the Water Supply EIE and governance report, staff will most likely cancel the regular July meeting and work on scheduling a special meeting for mid to late July. The regular August meeting will also be cancelled and a special meeting with the Town Council will be scheduled for early fall to discuss governance.

Adjournment

Rawn adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development